



Aviation serving Downeast Maine and Acadia National Park

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Mr. Anthony Sturey  
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Dear Tony:

Many thanks to you and Ken for taking the time to meet with me to discuss NWS Terminal Area Forecasting (TAF) services for the Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport (BHB).

I ask that you consider this letter a formal request by the airport for NWS to provide the airport with terminal forecasts on a full time basis. As we discussed, BHB is an important air carrier and general aviation airport. By the airport's strategic location in Downeast Maine, adjacent to Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park, we handle a large volume of aircraft traffic. We handle approximately 45,000 aircraft operations annually. Our year round commercial airline operations carry more than 20,000 passengers a year. During the busy summer months it is not uncommon to have 60 or more jet operations a day. Our coastal location also provides some interesting flight planning challenges, challenges that will be better met with the availability of reliable TAF's. TAF services would be a great complement to our AWOS system.

With the airport's precision instrument landing system for Runway 22 and a non-precision landing system to Runway 4 we have almost, all weather operating abilities. I feel the availability of TAF services at BHB will provide our customers with a very important and necessary tool for flight planning purposes.

If I can provide further information or assistance with this request, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

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